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SUBJECT:JULY 23 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

AFSC COUPLE RETURNING FROM LAOS WHERE DID RELIEF WORK FOR 1-1/2 YRS, EXPECT GO BACK. SAY COUNTRY HUNGRY, PL GOVT NOT "OVERLY POPULAR" WITH MANY, NOT AWARE BAD TREATMENT DISSIDENTS. ADD FOREIGNERS NOT ALLOWED LEAVE VIENTIANE AREA. STATE LAOTIANS FEEL "CLOSELY RELATED" TO US, DISAPPOINTED US AID SUSPENDED. OPINE LAOTIAN LEADERS TRYING MAINTAIN MEASURE INDEPENDENCE FROM VN, PRC, USSR. MENTION "RE-EDUCATION," "WORK SEMINARS," "INDOCTRINATION CENTERS"; SAY SOME PEOPLE MIGHT DESCRIBE THEM AS POLITICAL PRISONS (HOFMANN, NYT).

ANDELMAN (NYT) REPORTS GROUP ABOUT 20 GVN OFFICERS WHO WERE STUDYING IN US WHEN SAIGON FELL, BUT CHOSE RETURN, CROSS MEKONG INTO THAILAND, ASK REFUGEE STATUS, AFTER UNCLASSIFIED

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WAITING 7 MOS IN VIENTIANE FOR PERMISSION ENTER VN. WHEN MONEY EXHAUSTED, LIVED ON UNHCR HANDOUTS AFTER VN EMBASSY TOLD THEM WAIT UNTIL HANOI APPROVES REPATRIATION POLICY.

2. PHILIPPINES

METROPOLITAN MANILA STUDIES CREMATION DUE HIGH COST FUNERALS, SHORTAGE BURIAL SPACE. SUGGESTION CONTROVERSIAL DUE LARGE RC POPULATION (REUTER, LAT 7/22).

3. MALAYSIA

PARLIAMENT APPROVES MONEY FOR BULLETPROOF CARS FOR PM, DEP PM DUE CONTINUED GUERRILLA ATTACKS IN COUNTRY (AP, WP).

4. AUSTRALIA

UTAH INTL PLANS SELL PART INTEREST IN 3 QUEENSLAND COAL MINES TO INCREASE AUSSIE PARTICIPATION TO SATISFY FEDL GOVT, PERMIT APPROVAL DEVELOPMENT 4TH COAL MINE (WSJ).

5. JAPAN/CHINA

REUTER (TOKYO) REPORTS MFA SPOKESMAN TOLD PRESS THURSDAY PRC POSTPONED DEPARTURE OF DEL FOR SHIPPING TALKS TOKYO JULY 17, THREE DAYS BEFORE SCHEDULED BEGIN. SAID NO EXPLANATION GIVEN. TALKS NOW EXPECTED START NEXT MONTH. NOTICE CAME TWO DAYS BEFORE MFA CALLED IN AMB OGAWA TO EXPRESS PRC REGRET AT MIYAZAWA STATEMENTS ON US/PRC NORMALIZATION, PRC SUPPORT JAPAN'S CLAIM TO NORTHERN TERRITORIES (WP).

6. JAPAN

JAPAN MADE FINAL PAYMENT ON WW II REPARATIONS THURSDAY. LAST INSTALLMENT 17.5 MILLION DOLS COMPLETED 550 MILLION DOL REPARATIONS TO PHILS. EARLIER PAID 200 MILLION DOLS TO BURMA 1955-65; 39 MILLION DOLS SVN 1960 - 65; 223 MILLION DOLS INDONESIA 1958-70 (CSM; AP, SUN, PHINQ).
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CHAIRMAN ISAJI TANAKA HAS REPORTED 30-MIN BEDSIDE INTERROGATION OF KODAMA TO SPECIAL DIET CMTE PROBING LOCKHEED. KODAMA TOO ILL TESTIFY IN DIET. IN RESPONSE 14 QUESTIONS SAID KODAMA ADMITTED RECEIVING YEN EQUIVALENT 170,000 DOLS/YR FOR SIX/SEVEN YEARS; DENIED TRIED INFLUENCE POLITICIANS TO BOOST LOCKHEED SALES (AP, WSJ; REUTER, SUN).

SPOKESMAN SAID THURSDAY EC WILL BEGIN SECTOR-BY-SECTOR STUDY "SOON" WITH JAPAN, ON BARRIERS TO EC EXPORTS (UPI BRUSSELS, JOC).

TOSHIO DOKO PLANS HEAD 6-MAN KEIDANREN MISSION MOSCOW

AUG 8, AT SOV INVITATION. WILL DISCUSS POSSIBLE COOPERATION JAPANESE INDUSTRY IN 10TH SOV FIVE-YR PLAN. MEETINGS SET WITH KOSYGIN, OTHER SOV OFFICIALS (CULLISON, JOC).

NYT REVIEW MAJOR INTL TERRORIST BANDS LISTS JAPANESE RED ARMY. FORMED LATE 1960'S, HAS LIMITED DOMESTIC BASE. BELIEVED HAVE 30-40 MEMBERS OPERATING IN FE, ME, EUR. PROMINENT AGENT YUTAKA FURUYA ARRESTED FRANCE 1974, BUT RELEASED IN RESPONSE DEMANDS OF JRA GANG THAT SEIZED FRENCH EMBASSY HOLLAND SEVERAL MONTHS LATER. THREE MEMBERS STAGED 1972 ATTACK AT TEL AVIV AIRPORT THAT LEFT 26 DEAD.

KAISER CEMENT AND GYPSUM COMPLETED SALE ITS 47 PCT EQUITY INTEREST IN TYUKYU CEMENT CO LTD, TO UBE INDUSTRIES, FOR 6.9 MILLION DOLS (JOC, OAKLAND, CALIF).

WOMEN LAWYERS/FEMINISTS BEGAN 4-DAY VIGIL IN FRONT OF TOKYO DISTRICT COURT, IN PROTEST REMARKS BY DEAN LEGAL TRAINING CENTER URGING WOMEN GET OUT OF LEGAL PROFESSION (UPI, WP, WSTAR 7/22).

7. CHINA

TAIPEI'S CHINA NEWS QUOTES INTELL SOURCES THAT SAY MAO PARALYZED, CONTINUING DETERIORATE. REPORTS CLAIM ONLY MAO'S WIFE,/NIECE HAVE UNRESTRICTED ACCESS TO HIM. SOURCES ALSO STATE HUA MERELY FIGUREHEAD; REAL POWER HELD BY UNCLASSIFIED

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CHIANG CHING/FELLOW RADICAL LEADERS WHO HAVE BEEN MAKING PLANS FOR POWER TRANSITION AFTER CHRMN'S DEATH (AFP, PHINQ).

MUNRO (CSM) IN PEKING TALKS WITH FORMER POW VENERIS, WHO SAYS LOOKING FORWARD US VISIT, BUT WILL ALSO BE GLAD RETURN PRC "AND LIVE THE REST OF MY LIFE" THERE. VENERIS STATES HE HAS RELIED ON LETTERS FROM US RELATIVES, OCCASIONAL SHORTWAVE RADIO BROADCAST, CHINESE SUMMARY FON NEWS REPORTS IN ORDER KEEP UP WITH EVENTS IN OUTSIDE WORLD.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. CHINA

WP'S ZORZA DISCUSSES PEKING REVIEW ARTICLE WHICH EMPLOYS HISTORICAL ALLEGORY IN ATTEMPT WARN PUBLIC OF WHAT MIGHT BE HAPPENING IN PRC. ARTICLE DESCRIBES CONSERVATIVE CLIQUE THAT 2,000 YRS AGO USED EMPEROR'S ILLNESS "AS A

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PRETEXT TO FORCE HIM TO ABDICATE." ZORZA NOTES 3 CENTERS OF OPPOSITION TO RADICALS ALL IDENTIFIED: ANCIENT PROVINCIAL GOV COMPARED TO PRESENT FIRST PARTY SECS; "WAR-LORDS" ARE MIL LEADERS; "EUNUCHS" ARE UNNAMED "HIGH OFFICIALS" NOW BEING DENOUNCED IN PEKING FOR PERVERTING MAO'S POLICIES. ZORZA STATES RADICALS BARELY ABLE STAND UP TO SUCH POWERFUL COMBO EVEN WITH MAO'S SUPPORT; THEY WANT MAKE IT KNOWN THAT EVEN W/O CHRMN, FIGHT WILL CONTINUE, WITH "ENOUGH TURMOIL TO PUT THE OUTCOME IN DOUBT."

NEILAN(SD UNION 7/15) REPORTS DESPITE POOR WEATHER, OVERALL PERFORMANCE PRC'S AGRICULTURAL SECTOR "GOOD AND WELL-BALANCED." USDA OFFICIALS BELIEVE COTTON WILL BE ONLY US FARM PRODUCT IMPORTED BY CHINESE THIS YR, IN MARKED CONTRAST TO 1974 EXPORT LEVEL 800 MIL DOL WORTH FARM PRODUCTS. OBSERVES PRC'S FOOD PROBLEMS NOT PARTICULARLY ACUTE, AND ONE FIRM TREND WILL BE PEKING'S CONTINUING STRESS ON SELF-RELIANCE, BUYING FROM WORLD MARKETS ONLY WHEN NECESSARY FOR INDUSTRIAL GROWTH PROGRAMS/TEMPORARY UNCLASSIFIED

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CROP SHORTAGES.

NYU PROF FRANK TRAGER (WSJ) ANALYZES PROBLEMS/SOLUTIONS RE TAIWAN AND US COMMITMENT NORMALIZE RELS W/PRC. STATES "CHINESE INTERPRETATION SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE--FULL PRC RECOGNITION, ABROGATION ROC DEF TREATY, COMPLETE US WITHDRAWAL TAIWAN--GETTING RENEWED ACTIVITY AMONG AMERICANS WHO ADVOCATE ITS IMPLEMENTATION. AMONG THEM ARE ALLEN WHITING, CONSULTANT ON CHINA AFFAIRS TO SECSTATE BETWEEN 1969-73; CIA ANALYST ROGER BROWN; FORMER CIA DEP DIRECTOR RAY CLINE. MENTIONS CARTER'S EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR "JAPANESE FORMULA"--FORMAL DIP RELS W/PRC; CONTINUATION TRADE W/ROC--BUT NOTES FORMULA STILL LEAVES US WITH PROBLEM SECURITY TREATY. TRAGER REJECTS BOTH APPROACHES, OPINES "TO SACRIFICE THE ROC...WOULD HARDLY ADD POLITICALLY AND MORALLY TO OUR CREDIBILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS IN ASIA." SUGGESTS "WILLY BRANDT" SOLUTION EMPLOYED ?OR GERMANY--PHILOSOPHICAL-HISTORICAL AFFIRMATION ON EXISTENCE ONLY ONE NATION, THAT SUCH NATION PRESENTLY DIVIDED INTO 2 SEPARATE GEOGRAPHICAL SOVEREIGN POLITIES, AND HOPEFULLY TIME/CIRCUMSTANCE COULD HEAL BREACH, BRINGING ABOUT REUNITED STATE PEACEFULLY. STATES THIS POLICY "COULD FORESTALL A DEEPLY DIVISIVE FOPOL DEBATE OVER OUR CHINA POLICY, WHILE DEMONSTRATING THAT WE WILL NOT CYNICALLY DESERT ALLIES AND BREAK OUR COMMITMENTS." PEKING MAY FIND APPROACH VALUABLE AS IT SEEKS EXPAND US TRADE, TACKLE SOVIET PROBLEM. CONCLUDES THAT THERE IS NO URGENCY ABOUT NORMALIZATION, NO NEED BE PRESURED INTO HASTY DECISIONS--"CHINA QUESTION" WILL SURVIVE UNTIL NEXT YR.

9. INDOCHINA

CSM MENTIONS PERSISTENT, UNCONFIRMED REPORTS MASSIVE ATROCITIES IN CAMBODIA SINCE COMMUNIST FORCES TOOK OVER. QUOTES MULLER, IN "SWISS REVIEW OF WORLD AFFAIRS," THAT CAREFUL EVALUATION REFUGEE STATEMENTS LEADS TO CONCLUSION THAT RESTRUCTURING KHMER SOCIETY SEEMS MORE GRUESOME NOW THAN DID LAST SPRING; LIQUIDATION OFFICER CORPS, FORMER OFFICIALS TO SUBJUGATE POPULATION, EXECUTIONS, MASS DEPORTATIONS CONTINUE. CSM MENTIONS "FRANCE SOIR" ITEM BY BERGES WHO INTERVIEWED KHMER REFUGEES IN THAILAND, THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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SAYS EXTERMINATION STORIES "PLAUSIBLE IF NOT CERTAIN." REFUGEES TELL OF COLLECTIVE ASSASSINATION, REPRISALS, MANHUNTS AFTER MIDDLE CLASS, MASSIVE DEPORTATIONS, FORCED LABOR, DISAPPEARANCES, DEATH. CSM NOTES CONCERN OVER SIHANOUK'S SAFETY. COMMENTS WITH COUNTRY CLOSED. NO WAY BE SURE FREQUENT ATROCITY STORIES EXAGGERATED. BELIEVES NO USE TELLING CAMBODIA OPEN UP, DEFLATE DISTURBING REPORTS SINCE GOVT DETERMINED EXERCISE TOTAL CONTROL. CONCLUDES SO LONG AS COUNTRY SHUT, SUSPICION WILL CONTINUE THAT SOMETHING TERRIBLE GOING ON.

10. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

GLOBE'S SNOW REVIEWS REFUGEE SITUATION IN US, CONCLUDES THAT AFTER 15 MOS MANY STILL STRETCHED TIGHT BY DIFFICULTIES ADJUSTING TO LIFE AWAY FROM HOMELAND. MENTIONS CASE FORMER GVN FINMIN NHAN WHO FINDS LIFE IN WASHINGTON DIFFICULT WITHOUT SWISS BANK ACCOUNT THAT "PROVED SO COMMONPLACE AND SO COMFORTING" FOR SO MANY PROMINENT SAIGONESE. ADDS NHAN WILL SOON START WORK AS ECON DEVELOPMENT ADVISER TO CAMEROON GOVT, GOT JOB THRU WB.

11. GENERAL

WSJ NOTES CALM PREVAILS IN SEA AFTER SAIGON'S FALL AS VN SEEMS INTENT IMPROVE RELS WITH NEIGHBORS, GAIN UN SEAT. SEES PROBLEMS IN AREA AS INDONESIA'S GOVT GROWS MORE CORRUPT, PHILS REMAIN UNDER MARITAL LAW, RTG VULNERABLE TO INSURGENCY, VN TRIES UNIFY NVN, SVN. MENTIONS US IMAGE HAS SUFFERED WITH OLD ASIAN FRIENDS; AFTER VN, MANY BELIEVE CLOSE US TIES DANGEROUS.

12. SECSTATE SEATTLE SPEECH

HAK SPOKE SEATTLE, THURSDAY, ON "AMERICA AND ASIA" (WIRELESS FILE). AT REQUEST PRES, RENEWED CALL FOR US-PRC-SK-NK CONFERENCE ON FUTURE KOREA, DURING FALLS SESSION UNGA OR SOME "MUTUALLY AGREEABLE PLACE." DENOUNCED NK EFFORTS UPSET 23-YR OLD TRUCE AS "UNACCEPTABLE." SAID US WILLING NEGOTIATE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, BUT NOT "BEHIND THE BACK OF OUR

SOUTH KOREAN ALLY." SAID US WOULD NOT WITHDRAW FORCES FROM

SK UNTIL ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR PERMANENT PEACE (AP, GLOBE;
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UPI, NYT). EXCLUSION USSR MAY REFLECT VIEW IMPOSSIBLE GET
PRC/SOV COOPERATE (WSJ).

ALSO WARNED THAT US EXPECTS ROK BE RESPONSIVE POPULAR WILL,
NEED FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE (TREWITT, SUN). SIMULTANEOUS REIT-
ERATION BY KIM IL-SUNG OF PROPOSAL FOR "GREAT NATIONAL
CONGRESS" OF N AND S KOREANS TO "DRIVE THE US IMPERIALIST
AGGRESSION TROOPS OUT OF KOREA AT AN EARLY DATE" SEEN SET-
TING STAGE FOR PERENNIAL KOREA DEBATE AT UNGA (MARDER, WP).

MARDER CONTRASTS "MILD" HAKCRITICISMWITH JIMMY CARTER CALL
FOR USG MAKE CLEAR TO ROKG "ITS INTERNAL REPRESSION IS
REPUGNANT TO AMERICANS." ALSO NOTES HAK POSITION CONTRASTS
WITH CARTER BELIEF THAT IS POSSIBLE WITHDRAW US TROOPS ON
PHASED BASIS, OVER TIME SPAN DETERMINED AFTER CONSULTATIONS
WITH SK, JAPAN.

UPI (NYT) QUOTES HAK VIEW THAT US POLICY "ESSENTIALLY SUC-
CEEDED" IN?ONTAININGCOMMUNISM IN ASIA AFTER WWII; FORGED
CLOSE ALLIANCE WITH DEMOCRATIC JAPAN, ASSISTED SK REPEL
AGGRESSION, PROVIDED ORDERLY TRANSITION OF PHILS TO INDE-
PENDENCE; BUT BECAME EMBROILED IN BLOODY WARS THAT "MUST
NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN."

TREWITT FOUNDABSENCEOF REFERENCE TO ROC ON TAIWAN "MOST
REMARKABLE"; INSTEAD, HAK SPOKE OF TURNING "DRAMATIC PAGE"
IN RELATIONS WITH MAINLAND.

MARDER QUOTES HAK STATEMENT THAT FEARS OF GENERAL US "RE-
TREAT FROM ASIA" AFTER COMMUNIST VICTORY SVN LAST YEAR
"HAVE SUBSIDED", BUT ASIA REMAINS AREA OF "POTENTIAL TUR-
BULENCE"; AND "WE HAVE LEARNED THE HARD WAY" THAT OWN
SAFETY/WELL-BEING DEPEND ON PEACE IN PACIFIC "WHICH CANNOT
BE MAINTAINED UNLESS WE PLAY AN ACTIVE PART."

TREWITT FOUND HAK VOICED STRATEGIC COMMITMENT TO JAPAN;
SAID US-JAPAN RELATIONSHIP "CRUCIAL" FOR GLOBAL BALANCE
OF POWER. NOTED HAK ALSO PROMISED PURSUE IMPROVED RELA-
TIONS WITH RIVAL SUPERPOWERS, USSR/PRC, WHILE REFUSING BE
SWAYED BY ONE AT EXPENSE OF OTHER.

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WSJ NOTES HAK PROMISED US POLICY WOULD CONTINUE CONSIDER
PRC INTERESTS, BUT WARNED CHINA "MUST TAKE OUR CONCERNS AND
PROBLEMS INTO ACCOUNT AS WELL," PRESUMES THIS APPLIES TO
TAIWAN ISSUE, AND SUPPORT COMMUNIST INSURGENTS SEA. ROBINSON

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